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**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title page.

Item [57], **ABSTRACT**, replace entire abstract with

-- The present invention relates to the formation of an ILD layer while preventing of reducing oxidation of the upper surface of a metallic interconnect. Avoidance of oxidation of the upper surface of a metallic interconnect is achieved according to the present invention by passivating the exposed upper surface of the metallic interconnect prior to formation of the ILD. In order to avoid the oxidation of an upper surface of the interconnect during the formation of an ILD layer, an *in situ* passivation of the upper surface of the interconnect, immediately prior to or simultaneously with the formation of the ILD layer avoids the problems of the prior art. --.

Column 2.

Line 8, before "can range" insert -- 20 --.

Column 4.

Line 2, change "inventing" to -- inventive --.

Line 48, after "14" change "is" to -- are --.

Line 57, after "thereof" insert -- . --.

Column 7.

Line 50, after "deposition" change "toot" to -- tool. --.

Column 8.

Line 10, after "carried" insert -- out --.

Line 49, change "ID" to -- ILD --.

Column 9.

Line 9, after "layer" insert -- 14 --.

Line 18, change "on-limiting" to -- non-limiting --.

Column 10.

Line 56, change "absorbed onto" to -- adsorbed onto said --.

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Column 11,

Line 62, change "beating" to -- heating --.

Column 13,

Line 17, remove "and;".

Signed and Sealed this

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a distinct "D".

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